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Mayor-elect has some 'quick' car ideas

BY ERIC LUDY

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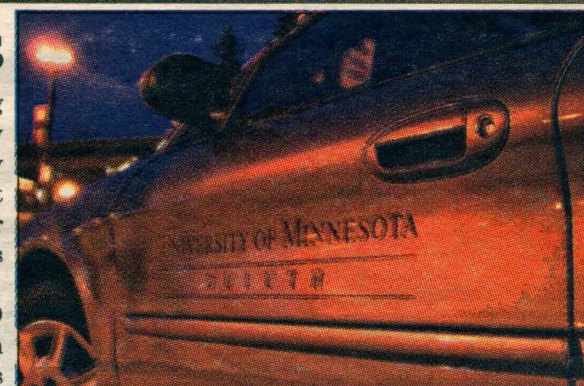
With all the talk recently over students' cars taking up parking spots on the streets of Duluth near campus, Duluth mayor-elect Don Ness says he knows of a potential solution.

He'd like to see a car-sharing program, like that of the University of Minnesota campus in the Twin Cities, instituted at UMD, so that less students feel the need to bring their cars to campus.

Since its inception, a program called Zipcar has been steadily increasing in popularity for

students at the Twin Cities campus. After joining the program, students receive a card that they can use to open cars that they reserve online or by telephone. The cars, which are parked at different spots around campus, can be reserved for a day or by the hour for a fee. When they're done, members return the cars to their original spot.

According to Ness, a similar program at UMD could alleviate some student parking problems in Duluth by eliminating the need for some students to bring their cars to campus.



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CARS to page 6 Zipcars may look similar to this UMD administrative vehicle.

More construction, new building *Aids quilt to visit UMD*

BY ANESSA KEMNA

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For as long as most of us can remember, construction has been a constant sight on the UMD campus. According to records on the UMD Web site, construction has been going on since 2001. During that time, four new buildings have been built, including Weber Music hall and the Swenson Science building. In late spring of this year, a new civil engineering building will be joining the ranks, and will be the fifth building to be put on campus in the last six years.

The funding for this project is coming from several different places. The university has some funding available, but it is also depending on other sources. In September of this year, a \$10 million donation was given to UMD by alumni James Swenson, \$3 million of

which will go towards the construction of the civil engineering building.

Along with the Swenson donation, the university has also put a request into the state bonding bill for Minnesota for \$10 million to put towards the project, which according to Stanley Burns, associate Dean of the Engineering department, will cost about \$15 million total.

"The university is very high on the state's priorities list," Burns said. "As soon as the bill is signed, which should be in late spring or early summer, we'll be able to start breaking ground."

The building project is being undertaken by the architectural firms of Ross Barney and SJA Architects. As detailed in the architectural plans provided by the selected firms, the building will be 34,000 sq. feet and will host advanced and

specialized laboratories for the new Civil Engineering program.

Civil engineering has four areas of focus: geotechnical mining, transportation research, water and structural engineering.

Dr. Eil Kwon, head of the transportation department as well as the interim head of the Civil Engineering program, said that the department as a whole has done a lot of work in the surrounding community. His department focuses on infrastructure and is working to improve traffic safety.

"Each of the four sections of civil engineering has a big effect on the surrounding area," Kwon said. "Our programs will be very helpful in Northern Minnesota especially."

While UMD has always offered a pre-civil engineering program, this is the first time they will be able to have it as a major.

Burns said that in previous years, students would do their

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This graphic shows the preliminary engineering building design by Ross Barney and SJA Architects. The new building will be opening in the spring of 2009.

Aids quilt to visit UMD

BY EMILY DARRELL

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Next week, students at UMD have the opportunity to participate in one of the world's largest ongoing community arts projects. On Dec. 5-8 UMD Kirby Ballroom will be hosting a portion of the AIDS Memorial Quilt.

Founded in 1987, the Quilt is made to remember those who died and those who continue to suffer from AIDS, to increase public awareness of AIDS and to help raise funds for community-based Aids Service Organizations.

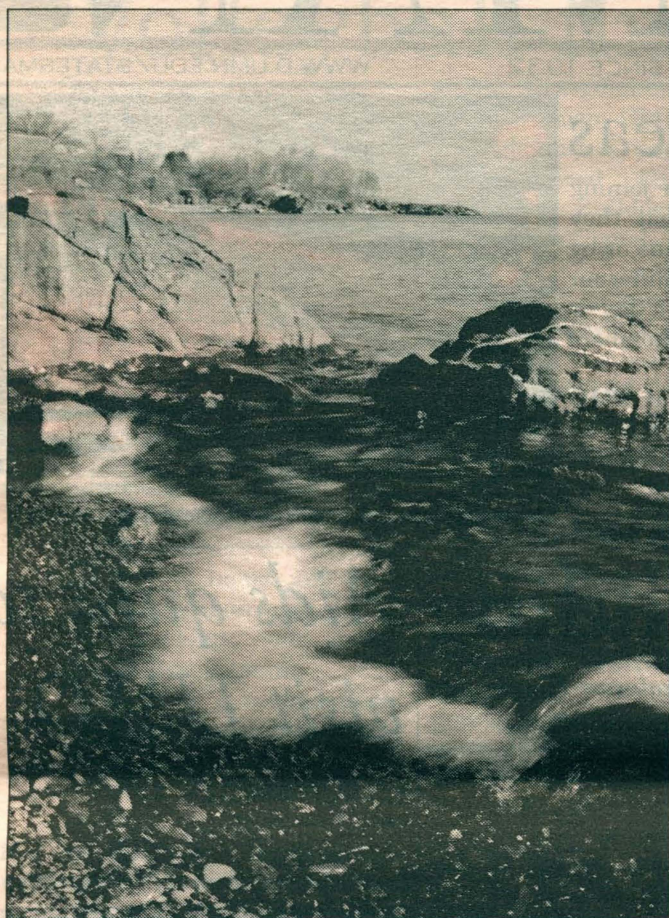
Arriving shortly after World Aids Day on Dec. 1, an annual event that honors people affected by AIDS, the quilt will provide students with an opportunity to educate themselves about the AIDS epidemic.

The Quilt is a very important part of the AIDS awareness movement, said senior Tracy Mills, a member of the Queer Allied Student Union (QASU) at UMD.

While the Quilt is on display, there will be a person reading off the names of people who have died of AIDS, and there will be local HIV/AIDS information providers tabling throughout the viewing time. They will also be accepting donations, all

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Lake Superior is heating up



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Lake Superior's waves crashing along the shore of Leif Erickson Park.

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Working for a greener campus, many students and staff are also conscious of the effects that global warming and an everyday urban lifestyle holds on the city of Duluth and its main attraction—Lake Superior.

"Lake Superior is warming up faster than expected, given regional rates of change," said Dr. Jay Austin, of the Large Lakes Observatory (LLO) at UMD. "Summer temps are warming up faster and ice cover is down nearly 50 percent [more] than about a century ago."

Austin, who has been at LLO for about two years, said that the LLO was not in the business of making predictions, but that change is in the future.

"It's a relatively con-

servative view, but it is unequivocal in that things are changing and we are playing a role in that change," he said. "There is a show of warming on order of 2-4 degrees Celsius in the next 50 years. If that is the case, less and less ice is forming on Lake Superior."

Global warming, referring to an average increase of the Earth's temperature and oceans, is something that has been prevalent in today's media through increased activism and awareness with films like Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth" and Leonardo DiCaprio's short global warming film.

The increase of greenhouse gases is altering water supplies for millions of habitats and for humans, according to the Global Warming Solutions Web site. Lake Superior, along

with every other stream, river and ocean is being affected by global warming with each passing day and every carbon emission.

"It's hard to articulate, but I love [Lake Superior]," said senior Jamie Ebert. "I don't know what it is, but because of the hillside, you can see this big beautiful lake anywhere."

Ebert is an active member of the Student Association (SA), Minnesota Public Interest Research (MPIRG) and the Sustainability Coalition (SC) on campus, which is working to make a greener campus for students through means like solar panels, green roofs and a better recycling program.

"SC is specifically looking at school emissions, especially in the long run, and how we can cut them," she said.

Ebert said that groups like SA have made campus sustainability a Top 10 initiative for the year, but that they were still in the learning and gathering stage of what has been done and what needs to be done.

"I have a feeling that a lot of students don't care... it's frustrating," said freshman Sean Burns. "I went to the School of Environmental Studies in Apple Valley, so I might know a little bit more [about global warming] than the average student, but I'm active anyway."

Furthermore, the Midwest may be at the center of the global warming problem. States like Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin account for 20 percent of the carbon pollution in the United States due to dirty coal plants acting as the hub of the U.S. transportation industry, according to the Global Warming Solutions Web site. This fact

resonates close to home in that it directly affects Lake Superior with warmer temperatures and lower water levels with no end in sight.

So, individually, can someone help in their daily lives? Yes, said Ebert. In fact, much of campus energy goes into student housing. The changes would significantly reduce used energy. Less waste leads to less used energy for removal and ultimately fewer emissions in the cycle of global warming.

"We are the pinnacle, the end of the point, we are it," said Ebert, of Lake Superior. "The lake has significance to the world, and we are a part of that. It's personal to Duluthians."

Tips to go green

Ebert suggested several ways for students to conserve on campus:

- * Turn off your computer at night and unplug cell phone chargers when not using them.

- * Recycle in your dorm rooms and recycle properly.

- * Be considerate of how much food you're taking and wasting in the Dining Center.

- * Use a canvas grocery bag when getting groceries and reuse plastic bags.

- * Bring Tupperware to school or carry a spoon and fork in your backpack.

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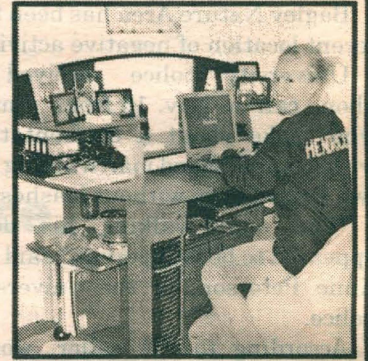
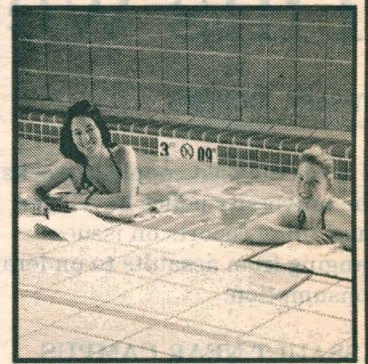
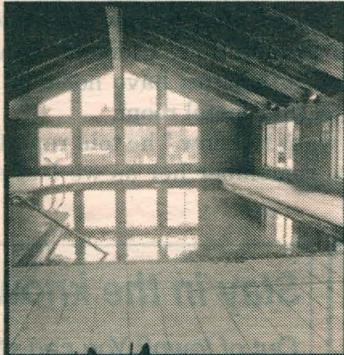
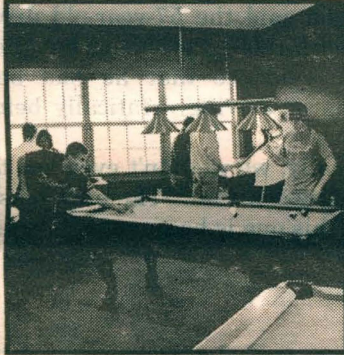
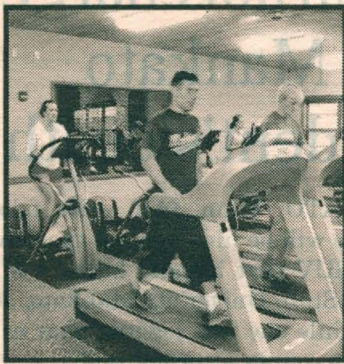
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This week in campus crime

BY SARA JOCHEMS
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Over the past couple of weeks, the university police have been busy filing reports on issues ranging from assaults to underage consumption.

ASSAULT NEAR CAMPUS

Bagley Nature Area has been the recent location of negative activity.

University police received a phone call on Nov. 16 from a man who spoke about a confrontation with a middle-aged man walking his two Briard dogs without leashes.

"The man walking his dogs appeared to be belligerent," said Lt. Anne Peterson, of the university police.

According to the caller, words were exchanged between himself and the drunken man but that was the extent of it.

"I don't know exactly what to call it, but it was 'road rage' on the trails," said Peterson.

On Nov. 22, the same caller who notified university police of the previous altercation filed a report on the same drunk man in Bagley Nature Area.

According to the report, the caller was walking with his wife when the dog owner attacked him.

"We were not able to stop and talk with the suspect because the call came in after the husband and wife got back from their walk," said Peterson. "All we want to do is get a hold of the dog owner so we can get his side of the story."

The dog owner is described as a man in his 50s with a grayish-white beard. He was last seen walking with his two Briard dogs without leashes.

"The man who was assaulted described the dogs as tall, whitish-gray with long shaggy coats," said Peterson.

POLICE KEPT ON TOES

Alcohol-related dorm activity took place over the hockey weekend within the Griggs dormitories on Nov. 17.

"Around 5 p.m. there was a beer pong game going on in the Griggs Hall party room," Peterson said. "We had to give out four underage tickets."

Within the living compounds of Griggs E, one suspect fled the scene after he attempted to remove signs

from the dormitory walls.

"An RA notified police that a suspect had a screwdriver, and was taking down room signs on the third and fourth floor," Peterson said.

Off-campus events also took place on Nov. 17 when a female student received an underage consumption between College Street and Snelling Street.

According to Peterson, the student was found puking from the backseat of a parked car.

"We issued her the ticket and then sent her to detox," she said.

In the early morning hours of Nov. 18, university police were called to an off-campus party.

"We assisted Duluth police after a fight at South 17th Avenue East," Peterson said. "Four to five people were outside partying and disturbing neighbors when a fight broke out. No weapons were found."

According to university police, it is unknown if the people who were involved in the fight were UMD students.

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Man not charged for Mankato student's death

MANKATO, Minn. (AP) —No felony charges will be filed against the driver of an SUV that hit and killed a Minnesota State University Mankato, student while she was jogging near campus, the county attorney said.

County Attorney Ross Arneson said the case has been referred to the city attorney for traffic-related misdemeanor charges.

Caty Delwiche, 18, of Glencoe, was killed and fellow-student Laura Palmer was injured on Oct. 2 when they were hit while jogging on a walking and biking trail.

The two students were training for an upcoming university cross country meet.

Arneson said the 57-year-old driver had health-related problems but there was no evidence that he had been drinking or driving erratically before the crash.

"Typically, we wouldn't even see the case," Arneson said. "The only reason we got this one is because there was a fatality."

Kan. teen missing; motel room searched

EL DORADO, Kan. (AP) —Authorities say they suspect foul play in the disappearance of an 18-year-old community college student, and are searching for the man she left a bar with the last time she was seen.

Police searched a bloodied room in the motel where the man had been living, and asked the public for help in locating a white bedspread with a floral design.

Emily Sander left a bar called Retreat, east of El Dorado, with 24-year-old Israel Mireles on Friday, police said. Her car was found the following day at the bar.

The rental car Mireles was believed to be driving was found Tuesday in Vernon, Texas, about 350

miles southwest of El Dorado, El Dorado Deputy Police Chief Rick Kennedy said.

"As of now, Israel Mireles has not been located and we are aggressively seeking his whereabouts," Kennedy said.

He is likely traveling with his 16-year-old girlfriend to Mexico, authorities said. They do not believe Sander is with him.

Authorities released a photo of a white bedspread with a floral design and asked the public for help locating it. Police suggested the public pay attention to areas east of El Dorado along two highways and conducted their own roadside searches.

Police on Saturday searched a room at the El Dorado Motel, where a manager reported an alter-

cation may have occurred. Mireles had been living at the motel, about 1½ miles from the bar where Sander was last seen, and worked at a restaurant that recently opened next to the motel.

Joe Terziu, the owner of the Bella Casa Italian Restaurant where Mireles worked, told The Wichita Eagle that he saw what looked like blood on a bed and carpet. Terziu said he thought to himself, "This place looks scary," after he saw the blood.

Emily Sander's grandfather, Clement Sander, said Tuesday that authorities have not told him what they found in that motel room.

"I don't think I want to know," he told reporters. "We are trying to remember her as we last seen her."

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"This would make a lot of sense for students, their neighbors and the university," he said.

Relieving congestion on streets around campus was the main motivating factor in initiating the Zipcar program at the Twin Cities campus, according to Mary Sienko, an employee of that university's Parking and Transportation Services.

"The aim of this from the beginning was to get more cars off the road," she said.

According to Zipcar, 40 percent of its members said they either sold their car or decided to not buy one as a result of joining the program. That would mean 160 cars off the road at the university, where 400 students have signed up for the program.

Traffic congestion aside, this has

also led to a more environmentally friendly way to travel, Sienko said.

"[The Zipcar program] really makes people think before they drive," she said.

The program started two years ago after the university sought a bid from a private company for an on-campus car-sharing program. The bid was eventually awarded to Zipcar, a private for-profit business.

Under the agreement, Zipcar would supply the cars and the university would be responsible for marketing and maintenance. With an average use rate of 37 percent, the program has recently begun to turn a profit for the university, according to Sienko.

No such bid for a similar car sharing program is currently being sought at UMD, but Greg Fox, the UMD vice chancellor of Finance and Operations, said that he's open to all

options.

"I'd be willing to work with anybody on this," he said.

A car-sharing program wouldn't work for everybody, but it would help, said Ness. For students that it would work for, the program would save money in car payments and insurance, as well as time spent clearing snow in the winter.

"You could save money with less headaches," Ness said.

UMD has tried different programs in the past to try to encourage students to leave their cars at home. Free DTA bus service for UMD students and \$2 cab rides have both been successful and used widely by students.

Also on the agenda is a commuter rail service to the Twin Cities slated to be completed by 2012. That would provide another way for UMD students from the Twin Cities to get

home without having to bring their own car or take the Jefferson Line.

Even with these programs, Ness said, most students are still bringing their cars to campus, a problem he says he'll try to work on as mayor.

"We need to change people's patterns and get some people to let go of having their own vehicle," he said.

For some students, giving up on their own car is easier said than done. Stepping out of his car near Griggs Hall, freshman Justin Peyla said that he wouldn't use a car sharing program, and that he'll keep driving his car to UMD.

"I wouldn't need it. I only live an hour away," he said.

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of which will be used to benefit those affected by HIV/AIDS.

"We're going to give all the donated money to Camp Heartland, a camp for children who are affected by AIDS," said sophomore Jake Yunker, another member of QASU.

For members of QASU at UMD, the arrival of the AIDS Quilt is especially significant.

"Education about AIDS is important," said Angie Nichols, Director of GLBT Services at UMD. "It used to be and continues to be stereotyped as a gay disease only. Numbers for women and people

of color in general are on the rise, and I wanted to call attention to the diverse representation of those dying of AIDS."

The ballroom will display 15 panels, three of which will be panels representing local people who have died of AIDS.

"The panels themselves are made by family members or friends of those who suffered, or have been made by those who were personally affected by the AIDS epidemic," said Nichols. "People come from far and wide to see their panels. It's a big deal to have something like this here at UMD."

The Quilt itself holds 5,748 sections total, with individual sections being 12 feet by 12 feet. The

last time the entire quilt was laid out "it took up the whole lawn of the Washington Memorial," said Mills.

The Quilt will be open to the public to view, and students and faculty are encouraged to attend during the four days it is on display.

"I really hope classes will come take a look," said Nichols.

The quilt will be on display in the ballroom starting Dec. 5, and will be available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 12 - 7 p.m. as well as Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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two years of this program, and then would have to leave UMD to go to other schools to complete the degree. Now that the university has a program of its own, he believes that this will help not only UMD, but the economy at large.

"Students will be able to stay in state for all of their schooling, and will be able to use their degrees to help do work on the infrastructure," said Burns.

Sophomore Dorcey Magnuson, a student enrolled in the pre-civil engineering program, says this is true.

"If they weren't going to be adding a new program, I would have finished up here and then transferred somewhere else," said Magnuson. "I'm glad to be able to stay here, and hope to find a good job that has to do with my degree."

The new major will be able to start accepting freshmen in the fall of 2008.

However, they will not be able to start providing resources for upper level classes until the new building is finished, which should be sometime in the spring of 2009; the projected finishing date is 18 months from ground breaking, according to the estimates the architects have given the university.

"Until the new building is finished, we won't have the lab space and resources to accommodate the upper levels of our classes, as some of them need very specialized spaces to work," Burns said.

According to Kwon, the university is still looking to fill the post of department head for the program, but after this is done, the department will be ready to start up, sending out its first graduates in the spring of 2012.

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For every institution that hasn't adopted such a plan remains the potential chance of losing our peers due to a delayed phone call or one not made at all. Life is short, these are our friends, our peers, we can't allow ourselves to stand silent while more and more situations such as this arise.

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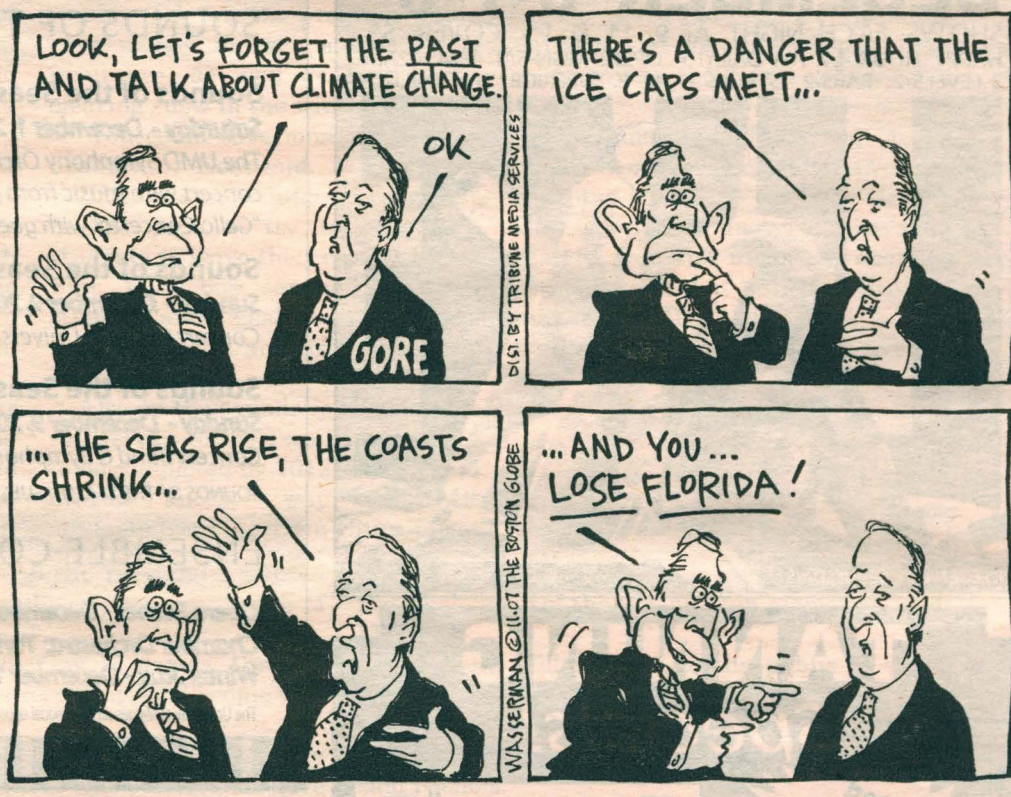
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Respectable Councilman Stauber,

I read an article in the Duluth News Tribune on Sunday, Nov. 25, entitled "Evicted" and am quite frankly appalled by what I read. It is astounding that affected students are not being given a "grace period" to find new housing and are being forced into eviction. As a student at UMD, I try to keep involved with events in this city, including voting in the last mayoral election. The purpose of this letter is an attempt to better understand why you support the actions relating to this ordinance.

Rather than going after renters, you should be encouraging the University of Minnesota to support more campus-provided housing. How many times in the past years have there been housing shortages, or has the university had to turn students away? As students are forced to look for other options, they often set up living arrangements such as the situation with Ashley Loose in the newspaper. Why are these students not being offered a second review to see what their situation is? It can clearly be seen they are not harassing neighbors or causing disruptions, and a second consideration should be given to these students. A review procedure to negate the 300-foot policy should be in place, since it seems to be irrelevant in certain cases.

For reference, I do not personally know the students featured in the paper, nor had I heard about their situation until

the article in the Duluth News Tribune. I merely am sympathetic to their situation because if I were in a similar predicament, I would file for transfer to the Twin Cities campus as soon as possible. One friend of mine wants to "get out of dodge" before the council votes to make students' already difficult lives even harder. Councilor Stauber, as director of planning and economic development, how do you plan on city growth when you are making potential new permanent residents' lives a living nightmare?

Living in a land of great freedoms should include the freedom to reside where we wish. If students negatively affect their neighbors on a continued basis, and neighbors have communicated their concerns, then reviews for eviction should be considered. Until that point, please, let students live in a way that can help them save money, time and focus their energies on becoming stronger citizens. Students may be minimum-wage residents when they enter the city, but that will not be the case four years later when they are looking for a place to settle. If Duluth leaves a positive impression, perhaps they may even consider living here.

I hope, Councilor Stauber, that you will reconsider the case of Loose, and then take the time to implement a review process to analyze the individual circumstances of each case.

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Facts finally trump fear

BY JARED DYRDAHL

STATESMAN STAFF WRITER

In late October, four leaders of the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development stood trial in the United States court system on charges that they had directly aided terrorism in the Middle East. This case ended in a stunning mistrial when jurors were unable to resolve their different opinions regarding the verdict, according to an article in the Washington Post.

This development was a stunning setback for the Bush administration's War on Terror movement, but it marked something much more important: the return of reason and the supremacy of facts to a justice system that has been dominated by fear and accusation since Sept. 11, 2001.

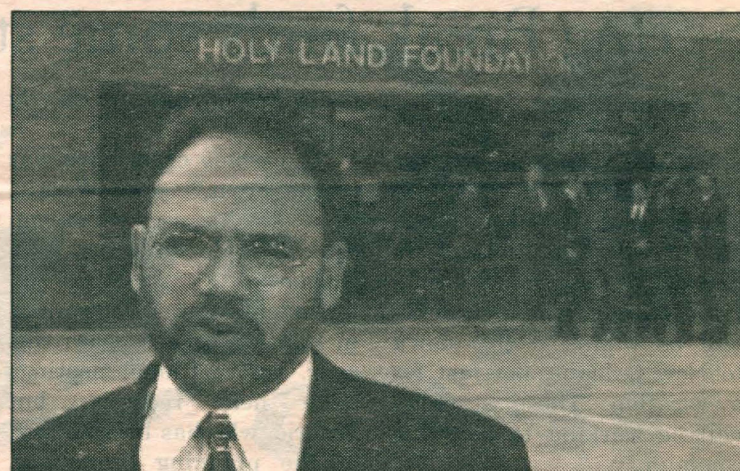
The United States justice system has engaged in some questionable activity the last six years (Exhibits 1-A&B Guantanamo Bay and the Patriot Act) in the name of defending our homeland. Another of these dubious activities came shortly after 9/11 when the Bush Administration froze the assets of the Holy Land Foundation, claiming that they were working with Hamas, a militant Palestinian group that the United States has labeled a major threat to our way of life. This is the same group whose political arm was lawfully elected in Palestine and whom the U.S. refused to recognize as legitimate. According to the Washington Post, the government claimed that the foundation was aiding the terrorist organization by donating

money to charities run by Hamas that gave impoverished Palestinians food, education and medicine. By doing so, the charity was helping the group "win a campaign of hearts and minds" in the West Bank and Gaza.

The striking thing is that the government never directly related the foundation to the terror cell. Instead, they relied on circumstantial evidence, which turned out to be the flimsy testimony of an Israeli security official who said that there was "no doubt" that the groups receiving aid were connected to Hamas. However, this startling evidence was refuted shortly thereafter by Edward Abington, the No. 2 intelligence man in the State Department and the former consul general in Jerusalem. Abington, a man with intimate knowledge of CIA intelligence, said he had never heard reports of any connections of the charities to terrorism.

Was the government really expecting the word of an Israeli intelligence agent to trump the No. 2 intelligence man in the State Department? Where are the facts to convict these terror-loving philanthropists?

The answer is that they don't exist and they never did. Our government punished a charity whose aim was to help displaced refugees. According to one juror, the case seemed to be "strung



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Shukri Abu Baker, the chief executive officer of the Holy Land Foundation.

together with macaroni noodles." It's evident that the justice department appealed to fear to coerce its citizens into this conviction.

Although Matthew Orwig, lead prosecutor for the government, was quoted by msnbc.com as saying there was "absolutely nothing positive in that verdict today for the government," I disagree. This is a sign that the fear propaganda machine fueled by the so-called "War on Terror" is losing its grip on the American psyche. We should see it as no coincidence that this is occurring at the same time as the end of President Bush's second term is in sight. Perhaps we can begin a full resuscitation of justice after Bush has been shown the door out of the Oval Office.

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Decisive action needs to be taken soon in Pakistan



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Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto.

BY PETER ZETHRAUS

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The Bush administration recently concluded that they are not "legally" required to cut aid to Pakistan, despite the fact that Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf has insti-

tuted a "state of emergency," which has suspended the constitution and relieved the Supreme Court of their judicial duties. Musharraf cites a growing concern over an escalating threat of internal terrorism as the reason for his actions.

U.S. aid to Pakistan, which has totaled \$10 billion since 2001, is controlled by legislative mandates that have the possibility of being cut as a result of Musharraf's actions. However, the money is protected in White House waivers that exempt the country from aid restriction, according to the msnbc.com article, "White House against Pakistan aid cut."

The state of emergency, which has been in place since Nov. 3, has seen the deployment of military troops in the homes of the Supreme Court justices, a ban on all media and the placing of opposition leader and former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto under house arrest.

Musharraf, consequently, has

been disputing with the Pakistani Supreme Court over whether he is eligible to run for reelection.

In my opinion, the U.S. needs to seriously reconsider who their allies are in the Middle East. The aid we are giving them is supposed to help facilitate their democratization, officials say. However, Musharraf is doing the exact opposite.

To me, there are concerns over the legitimacy of Musharraf's presidency that need to be taken into consideration, especially his title and position as chief of the army. The president of a democratic country should not wear his military uniform when he appears in public. Also, several prominent Pakistani-American activists believe that the U.S. only cares that Pakistan has the appearance of a democratic government, but not about any actual permanent and essential changes.

What complicates matters more, is that Bhutto is internationally known

as a ruler who has used her political power to steal from her own people. She is also facing corruption charges from the French, Swiss, Polish and Spanish governments, as she is from other governments throughout the Middle East, international experts on Pakistan say. According to Bhutto biographers, she has also caused controversy in Pakistan and Western nations for her ties to the former Taliban government in Afghanistan.

On the issue of whether the U.S. should continue to give aid to Pakistan, we must make sure that Musharraf will hold free and fair presidential elections and step down from his military position. It is obvious that Bhutto is not a reliable replacement for Musharraf. If a choice is not made quickly, the hope for democracy in Pakistan could be lost.

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Spring Break finds some students traveling to help those in need

BY ANESSA KEMNA
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Though spring seems far away, many students are already making spring break plans. Many will head to places like Mexico or Florida, but a group of UMD students will be taking a trip down to New Orleans, not just for a vacation. These students will be working to help the community.

In March of 2007, a group of 44 students headed out in 16-passenger vans to make the 21-hour drive down to Louisiana to help out Hurricane Katrina victims. Staying in a camp outside of New Orleans, the students were sent into the city.

One attendee, junior Allise Wuorio, said that the group she was in worked on a man's house, painting and priming, while another group of her

peers helped out an elderly woman.

"The whole experience was really great," said Wuorio. "You got to see what you couldn't understand just from the news."

Students can get involved in this experience again this year. Informational meetings were held recently, but Wuorio, who has become part of the planning committee, said that because of popular demand there may be some meetings held right after Christmas break.

Wuorio said that she wants to have 100 volunteers and for students to be better educated on the culture before they set out.

The cost of the trip is \$350, which includes all transportation and on-the-job meals. Students can print off donation forms from the

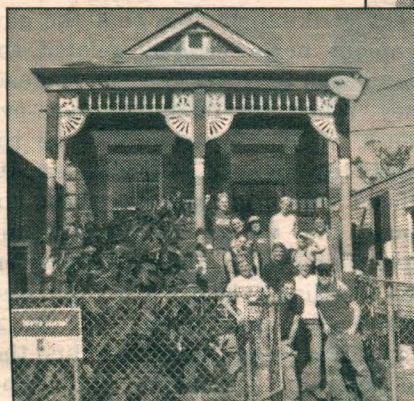
UMD Web site to try to get help covering the cost of the trip, which will take place from March 15-22. There is no exact date for signup, but all fees must be in by Feb. 1.



Top: Three of the volunteers begin to work one of many houses that were damaged during Hurricane Katrina.

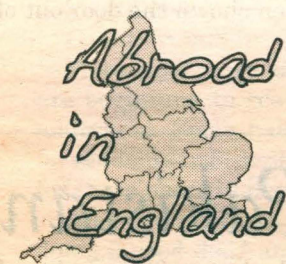
Bottom: The entire group of volunteers poses for a group shot in front of the ocean.

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Above: Some student volunteers smile in front of the finished house.

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A visit to Scotland brings more than just beautiful sights

BY ERIK LUND
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In following with what has become my motto, you always talk to the locals.

I went in this cute little café a few blocks away from our hostel, with the promise of free Internet if I purchased what was bound to be good coffee. In no time, my only other companion in the café began to dive into his life story. He informed me that he'd been out all night drinking; in fact, he'd been drinking since Wednesday of last week. His wife (or was it his girlfriend?) had told him to go out and drink all week, she wanted the house to herself.

He happily obliged, and was biding



Corey Onderick, a UMD student studying abroad, sits on a hill overlooking North Berwick, Scotland.

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his time over a cup of coffee until the pub next door opened at 9 a.m. He got to the subject of his father, and told me quite emphatically how great of a man he was. He had died seven years ago, but he missed him every day. He promptly began to tear up, and pointed to his eyes saying "you see the tears in my eyes, son?" I most certainly did, and when his tears turned to sobs, it left me a bit shaken.

He had given me advice earlier in the conversation, where I should go if

that day was my last ever in Scotland, where I could nearest reach the sea. I had diligently written everything down, from the cost of the bus ride there, to where I could get a good plate of haggis. He said he would love to take me to his favorite pub out there, but laughed it off, saying I wouldn't want to hang out with an old guy like him.

I think I sensed in him a desire to be young again, to be able to once again brush off life's problems with the naivety of youth. Up until that point,

I had had a good time in Edinburgh. But I hadn't gotten to know Scotland yet, hadn't understood it in a way one never could from a tour bus.

The two Coreys, my closest friends this year, and I took that ride out there, way off the beaten path. We climbed a big hill on one side of the little seaside haven of North Berwick. We clung to the rock outcroppings, it took several hours to make it to the summit that could have taken us 15 minutes. We sat motionless, listened for the odd little sounds that would carry their way up through the tall grass, the sound of children laughing or seagulls cackling.

We looked out at pretty little multi-colored houses lining the shore, jumbled together like bric-a-brac ornaments on a mantel piece. The shy sun poked its head out from the clouds for the first time that day, seemingly to illuminate our path to the sea. We descended towards the water, and rolled our pant cuffs up. We forged into the ice cold water. We searched for seashells. We took pictures. I think I understood that man from the café; I think I understand Scotland.

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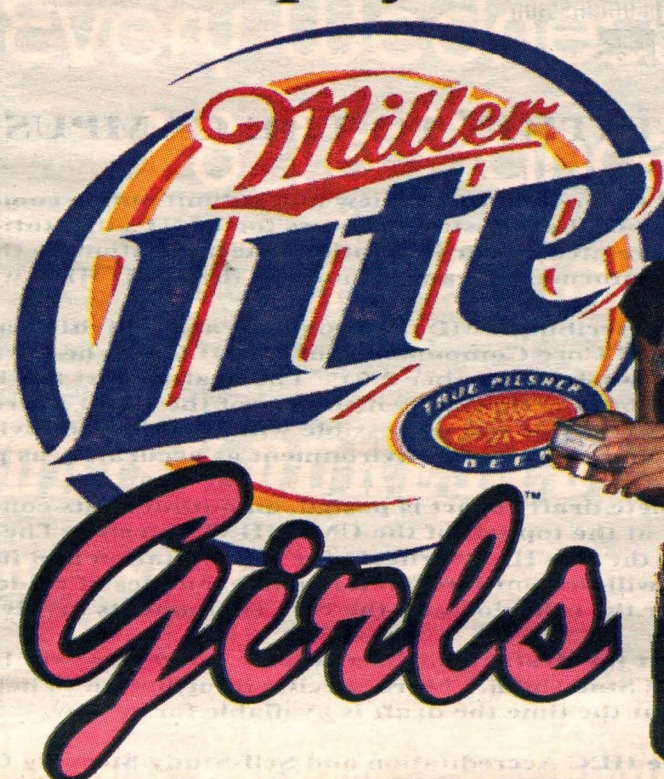
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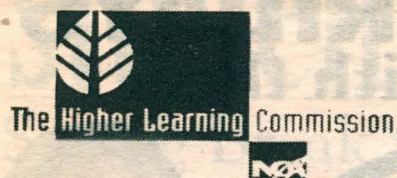
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Until the complete draft report is posted, an outline of its contents can be found by using the "(public)" link in the first box at the top left of the UMD HLC web site. The outline of content for each of the Chapters 4-8 includes one of the five HLC Criteria for Accreditation and its Core Components. The narrative for each of these chapters will present information and examples of evidence to document that UMD is meeting expectations for the criterion and the core components involved.

Notification that the draft report is available for review will be communicated via "umd.business.announce" and next week's Statesman. More specific information to help you provide online feedback will be posted at the web site at the time the draft is available for review.

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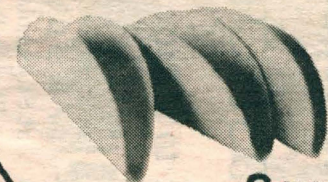
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Dignity program draws Brother Ali to St. Scholastica tonight

Rapper comes for dual purpose: to lecture on dignity and perform

BY TED NORGAARD
STATESMAN STAFF WRITER

Brother Ali, Minneapolis Underground Hip-hop sensation, is performing tonight at 8 p.m. in the Mitchell Auditorium of St. Scholastica. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$5.

At noon today, Ali spoke on the subject of Human Dignity and how it relates to his brand of hip-hop. After the speech, the rapper gave St. Scholastica students the opportunity to pick his brain during a question and answer session.

The College of St. Scholastica invited Ali for the question and answer and performance as part of the college's Dignitas program, which is a requirement for all first year full-time students. One purpose of this program is to highlight dignity through cultural experiences, according to Dr. Patricia Hagen, the program director.

"Growing up as a large albino Muslim, I'm sure he's had some real life issues with dignity,

and he portrays all of this through his music," said Hagen. "This will be a great opportunity for us to hear what we wouldn't normally hear at St. Scholastica."

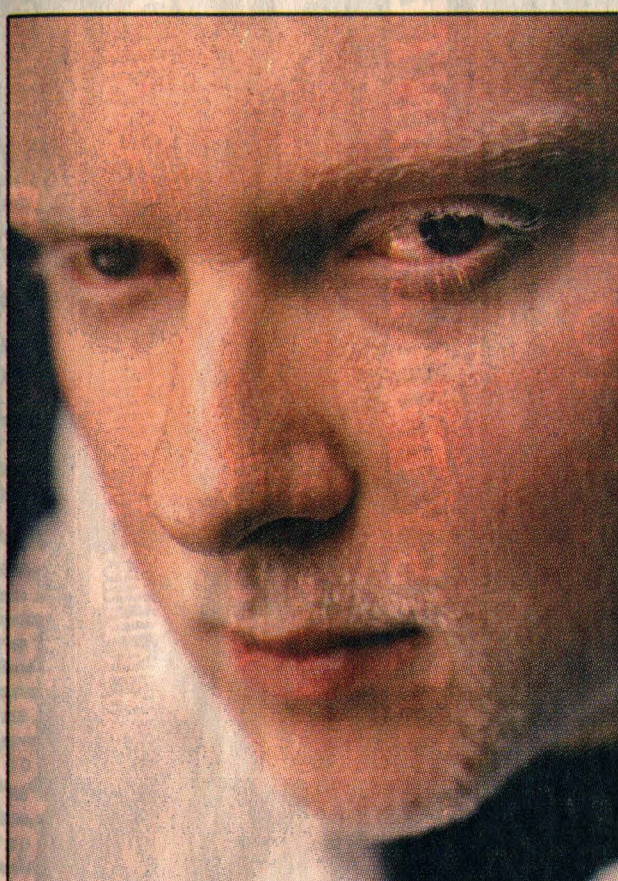
Physically separating Ali from the rest of hip-hop is the fact that he's legally blind and albino. Ali, formerly was known as Jason Newman, was also raised Muslim by white parents.

"Being an albino put me in a unique position to make me what I am today," said Ali, in an interview in the magazine Format. "My pride and self-image come from within. A lot of people haven't learned that."

Musically what separates Ali from other hip-hop acts is the amount of thought and honesty he incorporates into his music.

"It's the concept that you're conveying that's important," said Ali. "You have to use the best tools in your arsenal to get your message across."

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Rhymesayer and Mpls. underground Hip-hop sensation Brother Ali.

Allie B's Hollywood HOTSPOT!

BY ALLIE BENTRUD
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Hogan apparently doesn't always know best, as it is reported that Linda

Hogan is filing for divorce from her husband of more than 25 years, former professional wrestler Hulk Hogan.

The couple, who star in a VH1 reality TV show titled "Hogan Knows Best," have captured their attempts to patch their marriage on film, but the attempts were apparently unsuccessful.

The couple has two kids, Brooke, a blooming pop star, and Nick, a race car driver that was recently involved in a high speed car accident that has left his friend still in a coma, according to Perezhilton.com.

It seems like just yesterday when we were back in middle school and we still thought "MMMBop" was sung by a band of girls. Well, those days are gone, and now even the littlest Hanson brother is making babies of his own. Zac Hanson, 22, and his wife Kate, 23, are expecting their first baby in May, according to People.com.

Guys listen up, with the holidays soon upon us, you may be trying to figure out what to buy that special someone. Well, you could take lessons from the legendary Johnny Depp, as he definitely knows how to spoil a woman.

The "Sweeney Todd" star recently bought his long-time girlfriend and mother of his children, Vanesa Paradis, an entire vineyard in France, according to Perezhilton.com. Maybe you should just start with a bundle of grapes and work your way up.

Dallas Cowboys QB Tony Romo, who has been romantically linked to celebs like Carrie Underwood, Britney Spears and Sophia Bush, is apparently getting to know another Hollywood starlet.

Romo and Jessica Simpson were spotted having Thanksgiving dinner together with family and friends in Dallas followed by a trip to visit Simpson's grandparents, as reported by Perezhilton.com.

In the past, Romo has denied any serious involvement with any of the aforementioned celebs, so it will come as no surprise if nothing comes of their romantic Turkey-day date.

If you were to make a music video, even if it was just for fun, it would probably take you a couple of days; even more if it was a serious project, right? Well, apparently Britney Spears thinks two hours is enough time to film her new video for her next single, "Piece of Me." That is reported to be all the time she has scheduled, according to Perezhilton.com.

I won't lie to you, the song is actually really catchy and has great potential, and after the "Gimme More" music video disaster and not to mention the VMAs, you would think she would step up her game just a smidge, right?

The optimistic side of me says Britney is trying to punk all of us, and soon Ashton will pop out and we will all laugh and be merry, but the realistic side thinks she might be crazy. All we can do is wait and see when her video debuts if there is a method to the madness.

Filming begins, and ends, this week.

Fall Out Boy fans will probably be less than shocked to hear that Pete Wentz, the band's guitar player and Ashlee Simpson's BF, has a sex tape and it was released last week. The video, which is pre-Ashlee Simpson, is posted on Perezhilton.com, if you're curious.

That's all for this week, but as always there will be a lot more to talk about next week.

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Once a month in the Kirby Rafters UMD students get the opportunity through Late Night Kirby's Open Mic to show off their talents.

BY JARED JACOBSON STATESMAN GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

James LaBerge plays at Open Mic Night in the Kirby Rafters as much as possible, but that doesn't mean he's gotten used to the spotlight.

"I always get nervous," said LaBerge. "I feel like my throat gets dry and I can't sing like I normally can."

Judging by their laughter, however, the audience can't tell.

LaBerge was one of many acts who showed their stuff at the event a couple weeks ago. Open Mic Night, put on by UMD's Late Night Kirby organization, is a once-a-month opportunity for UMD student entertainers to perform their skills in front of dozens of students. Anything from a guitar to a mixing board is allowed.

On this night, students come and go as they please. Their attention is kept by covers of songs like "Hey There Delilah" and "Boston," as well as many original songs. One performer, who introduces himself as Matt P., keeps listeners alert with his harmonica, a skill that not many have mastered.

"This is the first time I've ever played in front of more than one person," said Matt.

Open Mic Night is not only an opportunity for students to hear music, but also to get out of their dorms and have fun.

"I love music," said Kristal Dahlager, who hasn't missed a show yet this school year. "I really enjoy being with others who share the same passion."

Late Night Kirby was designed in 2002 with the goal of putting on events for students later in the night, which tend to be peak social hours for students. Open Mic Night seems to have successfully met that goal.

Open Mic Night, like all Late Night Kirby Events is free to students with a U Card.

On this night, LaBerge keeps the audience laughing with his renditions of two Schoolhouse Rock songs.

"This song is brought to you by the number three," LaBerge announced to open his act.

Some musicians, like Ricky Mitchell, use Open Mic Night to gain recognition for their aspiring musical careers.

"The only reason I'm performing is to promote my show next Monday night," Mitchell told the crowd.

Not LaBerge though; he only comes to entertain. "Conjunction Junction" is all he needs to keep the students reeling in their chairs.

"I just do it for fun," said LaBerge. "I don't really have any goals. I just want people to enjoy themselves—to make them laugh."

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Another 'Old School' duncce finds the North Pole



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Fred Claus (Vince Vaughn) and Santa Claus (Paul Giamatti) discussing the possible grim fate of Santa's North Pole operation. Spoiler alert: Fred Claus saves the day so Santa and all his happy elves don't have to shut down.

BY ERIC SIMON
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The holiday season is here, and with it comes a new wave of instant holiday classics that you may or may not want to see, ever. One such movie is "Fred Claus" starring comic virtuoso Vince Vaughn as Fred Claus, Santa Claus' brother, and Academy Award Nominated Paul Giamatti as Santa Claus.

The movie opens with the two characters as young boys and shows how a rift forms between the two. The film then fast forwards years into the future where Fred gets into trouble and calls his younger brother Santa to bail him out. Santa decides to practice some "tough love" and invites Fred up to the North Pole to work for him. What no one tells Fred is that an efficiency expert is also visiting the North Pole and is threatening to shut Santa's operation down.

The movie offers a few laughs but is far from ho ho holarious. The zany antics of Vaughn are entertaining enough for the tykes, but adult viewers may find themselves wishing that Vaughn and Giamatti had teamed up for a sequel of "Sideways." All-in-all, the movie offers valuable life lessons that you'll probably never use, and upon exiting the theatre you may find yourself regretting the cost of the admission ticket and XXL popcorn.

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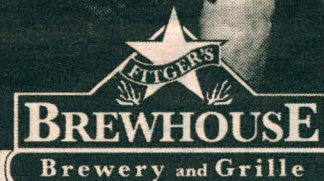
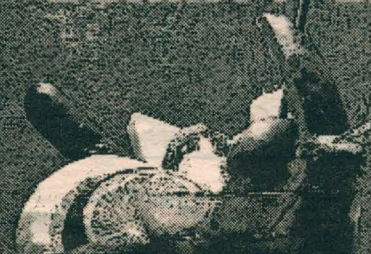
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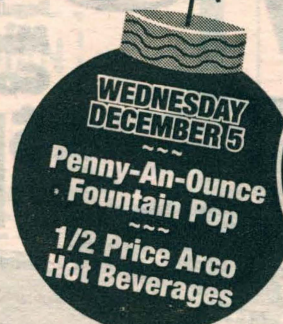
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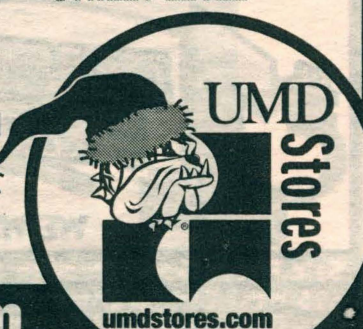
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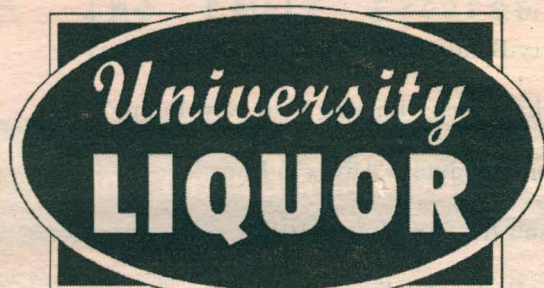


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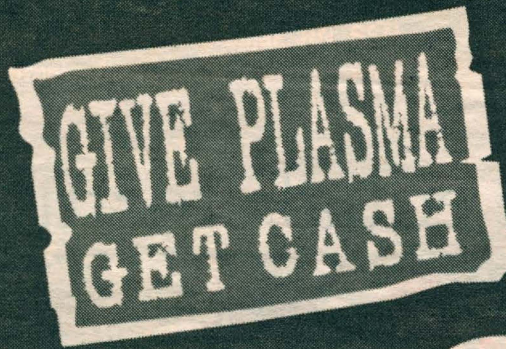
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Holiday music equals torture



A group of Santas protest the Supreme Court ruling. However, nobody noticed as Santa does not actually exist.

BY TED NORGAARD
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Last weekend in what is sure to be known as a landmark case, the United States Supreme Court voted unanimously that playing Christmas music to detainees at Guantanamo Bay or anywhere else is torture and therefore has been deemed unconstitutional.

"We would like to fight this, but the buck pretty much stops at the Supreme Court," said R.J. Krangel, spokesman for The Yule Tides Seasons Greetings Incorporated Recording Industry of Christmas Songs (Y.T.S.G.I.R.I.C.S.). "This is definitely a hit to our industry as 70 percent of profits came from sales to the Central Intelligence Agency (C.I.A.)."

The C.I.A. was just as surprised by the ruling as Y.T.S.G.I.R.I.C.S.

"This is definitely a blow to standard interrogation techniques," said retired C.I.A. interrogator Jack Byrnes. "Back in the day all we had to do to make a terrorist talk was play John Lennon's 'So this is Christmas,'

for a good twenty minutes and that's all it took."

The Supreme Court ruling is a relief to prisoners; unfortunately the ruling has not yet extended to shopping malls, banks or any other stores.

A study by the American Institute of Trustworthy Studies found that last December, 7 out of 12 murders were a direct result of the supposedly cheery music, followed by mistletoe mishaps.

"If I hear any version of Rudolph the F*@\$%&g Red Nosed Reindeer again, something really bad is going to happen," said an unnamed emotionally distraught woman, who had to listen to the song for 11 hours.

No Supreme Court Justices were available for comment, but off the record Samuel Alito said that he hates Christmas music and declaring it torture was a big first step.

"Unfortunately we [America] are still a long way from getting those 'damned carols' banned from the general public," said Alito.

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Adam Sandler's creative spark officially gone

BY BOBBY DOWNS
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It's coming up on 10 years since the last truly funny Adam Sandler movie, "The Waterboy," and the public is showing confusion over the lack comedic quality in his recent work.

Some scholars previously speculated that upon the release of the wildly successful 1998 movie, Sandler began his decent into a comedic drought.

In a recent development, it has been discovered that Sandler's creative spark has completely and permanently disappeared.

When asked for a funny response to the speculation, Sandler broke into the same character he repeatedly used in "Billy Madison," "Happy Gilmore," "Big Daddy" and "The Wedding Singer," and then sang "The Chanukah Song" for 20 minutes.

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LETTERS TO PEOPLE

BY ERIC SIMON
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Dear Bruce Springsteen,

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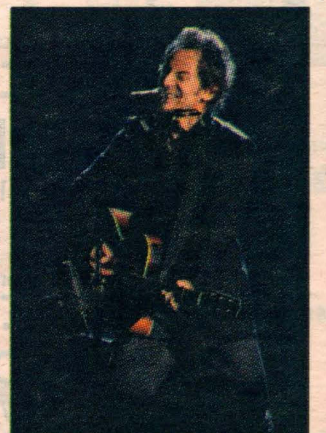
And you know what the worst part is, Bruce? Every time you go on tour, you steal Max Weinberg from "Late Night with Conan O'Brien." I don't dig that at all. So, here's an idea, why don't you just take a job in construction or something like that?

And whoever decided to call you "The Boss" is an idiot. What are you the boss of? Writing crap music? I suppose you could be the boss of that, but that's pretty much it.

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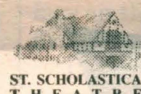
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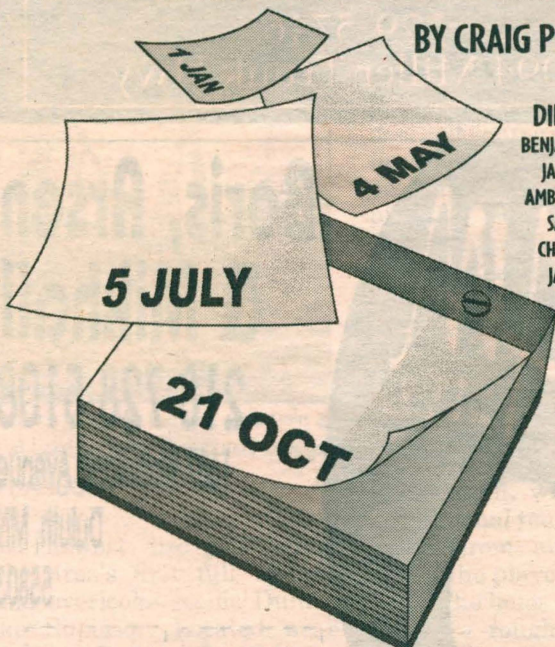


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Kite surfing becoming big winter sport

BY KATIE BERG
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As the seasons change, surfers are packing up their surfboards and trading them in for skies, snowboards and kites.

Kites? Randy Carlson, the surfing instructor at UMD Recreational Sports and Outdoors Program, has a winter sport he introduced to the Outdoor Program that has been gaining popularity for UMD students.

It's called Snow Kiting, and it's one of the unique opportunities that a student can get living this far north.

Carlson introduced Snow Kiting to the UMD Outdoor Program not long ago, making UMD the first campus in the country to offer this unique sport. Carlson said that only recently has another college, in Montana, offered the opportunity to learn and try kiting.

Snow Kiting is using a kite that looks like a miniature paraglide

parachute to grab wind and pull a kiter across a frozen lake on skis, snowboard or even ice skates.

"The wind is so powerful and what you're feeling from the kite makes you forget about what you're having for dinner and everything else," said Carlson.

Some UMD students, taking the introductory class for the first time, agree with him.

"This is just cool," said junior Justin Wilhelm, after taking his turn trying to control the kite through 25 mph winds.

The introductory classes are

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taught on the UMD softball fields for the first few classes, where students learn how to control a kite while on their feet before advancing to the lake to give beginners practice before trying their legs on the ice for the first time.

"I can't imagine doing this on skis,"

said junior Steve Asplin.

The fun thing about Snow Kiting is that once a certain level is reached,



Randy Carlson (left) instructs students on how to set-up and use a kite on the UMD softball fields.

new elements can be added to stir things up.

Carlson said that speed competitions are one aspect in which kilters can attempt to log the fastest times for going a certain distance across the ice. Many kilters looking for a challenge create jumps on the ice and use the force of the wind to leap off those and do tricks.

"Once you learn how to really control the kite and use the wind, you can even learn how to stay airborne longer," said Carlson.

Carlson compares two hours of straight kiting to four to six hours

of skiing or snowboarding, simply because a kiter is constantly working the entire time.

"When you go kiting on the lake, you don't have to worry about paying for a lift ticket and being moved around on lifts on the hill like when you're skiing, you can just stay on the ice the entire time," Carlson said.

After only taking one prior kiting class, sophomore Andy Clark had only one thing to say:

"It's like no other sport, and I'm definitely going to invest in a kite."

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New disc golf course has students talking



Students throw a disc into the disc pole hole at the course at Lake Superior Community College.

BY RYAN HANSON
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Duluth's newest disc golf course boasts the area's first full 18-hole course and overlooks scenic Duluth and Lake Superior. Located near Lake Superior Community College, this course has students talking.

"It's very challenging," said freshman Bobby Downs. "It's more like a hiking trail, but very beautiful. If you're into nature and the outdoors, it's pretty sweet."

Downs has been an avid disc golf player since he was in fifth grade.

His family owns a farm in Chaska, Minn. and they have a full nine hole disc golf course on their property. He used to play from fence post to fence post on the farm when he first began playing.

Freshman Joe Benike has been playing disc golf for four years. He enjoys the challenge of the new course.

"I think it's a cool course," said Benike. "It's not so open, it's a little tight. But I like playing different style courses."

Disc golf is played much like normal golf, with both regular and professional tee boxes that the player drives from and "disc pole holes" which the player tries to put the disc into. The holes are large metal cages that are roughly chest height and have metal chains as the backdrop. The idea is to sink the disc in the basket in as few a shots as possible.

The first formal course was created in California in 1975, according to the Disc Golf Association Web site.

Both Darren Wilson and senior Ben Berg are fairly new to disc golf. When asked about his favorite aspect

of disc golf, Wilson didn't hesitate.

"It's free," said Wilson.

"It's a fun way to keep active," added Berg. "We're out here quite often, probably two times a week."

There are three main discs that experienced players use, including: a driver for long range shots; a midrange disc for medium shots; and a putter for short shots. Each disc differs in size and thickness, to provide longer distance or more control.

Control can come in handy when playing the new course.

"If no one hits a tree, they'd be the best disc golf player ever," said Downs.

Some players are die hard about the sport, including freshman Taylor Balogh.

"I play three times a week," said Balogh, adding "I'll go until there's snow on the ground."

It appears disc golf is in Duluth to stay.

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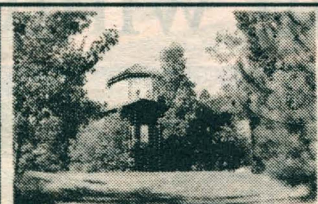
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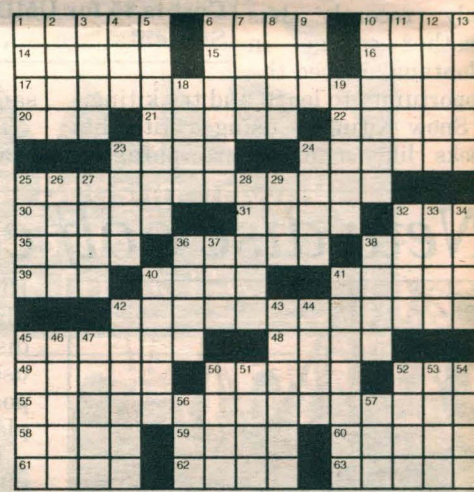
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THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Alan P. Olschawg
Huntington Beach, CA 11/29/07

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VOLLEYBALL

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ing Concordia 30-22. However, Concordia was determined to win.

Despite the Bulldogs' persistence, Concordia snuck by with a win in the second game, 30-28. With the match tied at one game apiece, UMD had to dig deep to keep the match close.

Concordia was able to gain the final two-point lead over the Bulldogs, winning the third game, 30-27.

"I just felt like they made the bigger plays," Braegelmann said. "They had great defense and wouldn't let a ball land. In the end, we just made more errors and they came up with big plays."

Unfortunately, it just wasn't in the cards for the Bulldogs.

Concordia surged forward in the final game, taking a substantial lead over UMD and finalizing their victory 30-21.

"It's unfortunate, but they played better volleyball tonight and deserved to win," Braegelmann said.

Despite the loss, Beckstrand led the team with 16 kills, with Braegelmann following close behind at 14.

Wolford had a team high 25 digs, along with Beckstrand, who had 17.

Although the Bulldogs' season didn't end the way they hoped, UMD was happy to send Braegelmann, Beckstrand, Katie Gangelhoff and Wolford to the 12-member All-Tournament Team.

Seniors Crystal Hoffrogge, Braegelmann, Wolford and Beckstrand didn't expect their collegiate careers to end with a loss.

"It's definitely not the way our senior class wanted to go out, but we still had a great run this year and we need to be happy for all the accomplishments we have made this year," Braegelmann said.

Wyffels said that next year won't be the same without the seniors.

"The seniors were amazing leaders and had a lot of talent," said Wyffels. "They are, without a doubt, irreplaceable."

Head coach Jim Boos said although they lost the championship game, this year was very much a success.

"We were 29-2, this was our fourth straight North Central Conference title, our sixth straight playoff appearance and we were ranked No. 1," he said. "Yes, I'm very proud of what these girls have accomplished."

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to back. Some days we show up, some days we don't. I need to correct that."

UMD followed up on Miller's corrections on Nov. 23-24 as the Bulldogs swept the Minnesota State Mavericks at the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center with convincing scores of 3-1 and 10-4.

It was a true team effort, as every player on the squad notched at least one point during the series. The Bulldogs came from behind to get the win on Friday, Nov. 23, while only allowing 19 shots on net.

On Saturday, Nov. 24, the Bulldogs gave their goaltenders great goal support, which allowed UMD to give all three of their goalies

playing time.

Freshman forward Hailey Irwin stepped up to the plate and emerged with her first hat-trick and also dished out an assist.

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Bulldog freshman Jocelyne Larocque skates away from a Gopher defender.

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Men's hockey remains undefeated on home ice

BY ERIK ELSBERRY
STATESMAN STAFF WRITER

Bulldog men's hockey preserved their undefeated home record with a two game series with Michigan Tech University (MTU) at the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center (DECC) on Nov. 16-17.

The Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) rivals tied in Friday's match, 1-1. Junior left wing Michael Gergen assisted junior defenseman Josh Meyers for the Bulldogs' only goal, coming at 9:09 in the first period.

"Friday night's tie was a bit of a disappointment," said Meyers. "We didn't capitalize on our chances and we were a little sloppy in our own zone."

Sophomore goalie Alex Stalock surrendered MTU's lone score to senior wing Tyler Shelast 17:13 into the second period.

The Bulldogs edged the Huskies in shots on goal, 28-27.

UMD won Saturday night's game 4-1, thanks to a three-point performance by Meyers, which included two goals. Other Bulldog contributors were Gergen and senior center Matt McKnight, recording a goal

apiece. Junior defenseman Jason Garrison had two assists while junior center MacGregor Sharp, sophomore defenseman Trent Palm, and senior defenseman Travis Gawrylets all recorded an assist.

"My performance on Saturday night was exciting, but more importantly I was happy for the team for winning the game," said Meyers. "I was very happy for the team to rebound after our disappointing sweep in Colorado."

Stalock had another impressive game, blocking 39 of 40 shots, and adding an assist.

"Saturday was a huge victory for our team," said Stalock. "A win like that can be key victory for us down the stretch, putting a team like Michigan Tech in the rear-view mirror."

The Bulldogs' home record of 4-0-2 is their best start in 12 years, according to the UMD Web site.

UMD split their following two game series with the University of North Dakota on Nov. 23-24 in Grand Forks, ND.

The Bulldogs fell 3-8 in the first game. UMD gave up five unanswered goals after entering the third



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The Bulldogs celebrate together after scoring a goal against WCHA rival Michigan Tech University.

period tied 3-3. Gergen, freshmen Kyle Schmidt and junior Nick Kemp scored goals for the Bulldogs in the losing effort.

UMD rallied around a two goal performance by sophomore Drew Atkins on their way to a 4-2 win in the second game to earn a split in the series.

Stalock came back from a forgettable game on Friday and made 20 saves in Saturday's victory.

The Bulldogs will take on Minnesota State University Mankato Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 in Mankato. They return home to play Alaska Anchorage Dec. 7-8 at the DECC.

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Vikings playoff hopes
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BY TAJEN STOCKDALE
STATESMAN STAFF WRITER

After a dismal beginning to the 2007 football season, the Minnesota Vikings have won two straight games for the first time this year. Although the Vikings are sitting at 5-6, in the weak NFC, they find themselves with an outside chance of making the playoffs.

The Vikes play the Detroit Lions next week and from there, do not play another team above .500.

The Lions were up there with the Giants for the wild card spot. However, losses over the last three weeks have set the Lions back.

It is unlikely, but it is possible the Vikings can win out.

If Antoine Winfield plays next week, he will bring a much larger threat than Marcus McCauley can to the Lions four-receiver set. Rookie sensation Adrian Peterson will also be returning from injury to give the offense the two-headed rushing attack.

With the powerhouse run game, a dominant D-line, a rookie receiver showing star potential, and a coach who may have finally figured out how to adapt an offense around the players, the Vikes find themselves playing for an opportunity to lose to Dallas or Green Bay in the playoffs.

Who knows though? The Vikings lost twice to the Packers during the regular season in 2004 but managed to come out on top in the playoffs. The game against Dallas was close. The Vikings were in it for most of the first three quarters.

Stranger things have happened. Beating the Patriots, though, just isn't going to happen.

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The Bulldog rundown

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

The UMD men's basketball team got off to a great start this weekend by beating both Pace University and Truman State at the Pepsi Tip-Off tournament in Mankato.

The Bulldogs beat the Pace University Setters, 90-81, in a close game that had UMD trailing until 13:31 in the second half.

With 11 minutes left in the second half, the Bulldogs took the lead and never looked back.

Leading the way for the Bulldogs was senior Jordan Nuness with 21 points.

UMD kept up their winning ways by beating Truman State on Saturday, Nov. 17, 58-55. Once again the men were lead by Nuness, who scored 26 points in the win.

UMD won their third straight game to start the season with an impressive 77-41 victory over Bemidji State University on Tuesday, Nov. 20 in Bemidji.

Junior Brian Sykora led the Bulldogs with a game-high 23 points and 10 rebounds, according to the UMD Web site.

The Bulldogs lost their first game of the year on Friday, Nov. 23 when they were beaten 62-58 by Michigan Tech on the first day of the Edge Thanksgiving Classic at Romano Gym.

Sykora again led the offensive attack for the Bulldogs as he put up 21, according to the Web site.

UMD returned to their winning ways the next day when they defeated Northern Michigan, 79-53.

Nuness scored 18 points and also grabbed five rebounds in the game and was named the MVP of the tournament, according to the Web site.

UMD hosts St. Scholastica on Saturday, Dec. 1 at 3 p.m. in Romano Gym.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The women's basketball

team was not as successful as the men in their own opening games this weekend. They fell twice, once to Delta State and the other to Quincy University.

On Friday night the women took on No. 5-ranked Delta State and lost a close game, 63-58. Leading the Bulldogs in scoring were junior Stephanie Reiter and senior Katy Freeman both with 12 points.

Quincy also defeated the Bulldogs on Saturday, 84-72. Freeman and junior Jacquie Hartman both scored 13 points to lead UMD.

The Bulldogs remained without a win on the season after losing the first game of the Edge Thanksgiving Classic 79-69 to Michigan Tech on Friday, Nov. 23.

Freeman posted a game-high 23 points for the Bulldogs.

UMD's efforts to win their first game of the season fell short again as they lost to Northern Michigan 70-53 on Saturday, Nov. 24.

Hartman led the Bulldogs with a game-high 16 points, according to the UMD Web site.

The women hit the road for a five game road trip before returning to Romano Gym to host Concordia-St. Paul on Dec. 15.

CROSS COUNTRY

Sophomore Liz Palkie was the lone Bulldog to represent Duluth in the NCAA Cross Country Championships on Saturday, Nov. 17. She placed 41st out of 189 runners with a time of 21:52.4. The competition in Joplin, Mo. was her first appearance at this national event.

Senior Eric Atkinson was also supposed to run, but an unfortunate accident prevented him from doing so. Atkinson collided heads with teammate during practice, breaking his cheekbone in four places. The injury required surgery and a titanium plate implant.

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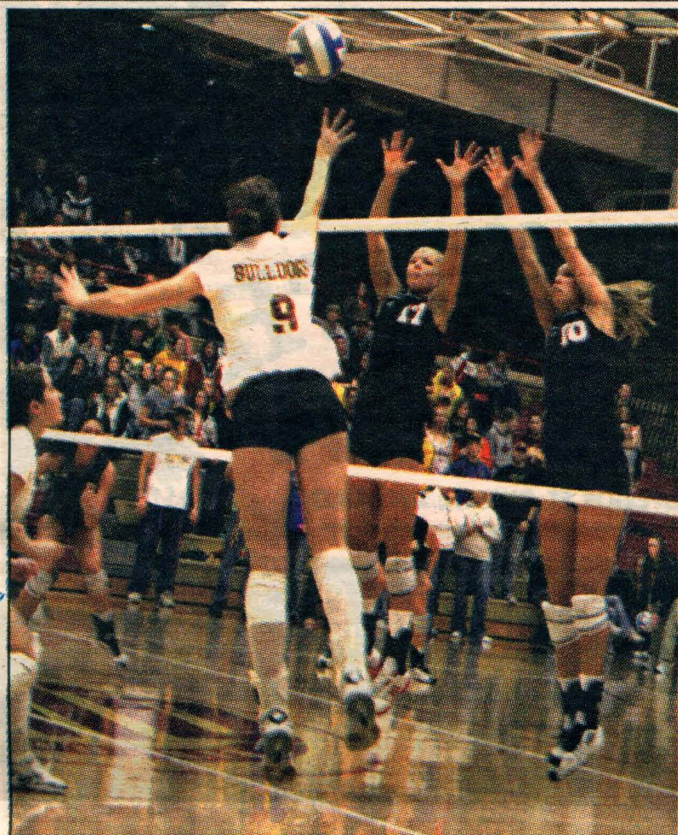
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UMD sophomore Sarah Wyffels softly touches the ball over two defenders.

Tourney run ends for 'Dogs

BY ALI DRAVES
STATESMAN STAFF WRITER

The No. 1-ranked UMD women's volleyball team dominated the early rounds of the North Central Division II Regional Tournament, defeating fierce opponents like South Dakota and Nebraska-Omaha, but failed to beat No. 5-seed Concordia for the championship.

The Bulldogs' first challenge was South Dakota, who they easily dispatched in three quick matches. The team dominated play in the first game, 30-17. Despite the hope for a rally by South Dakota, UMD crushed the Coyotes in the next two games, 30-23 and 30-24.

"I thought at the beginning of this tournament, we were playing our best volleyball,"

said senior right side hitter Vicky Braegelmann. "Our offense was on fire and our defense was making plays we have never made before."

The Bulldogs were led by strong performances by sophomore middle blocker Sarah Wyffels, who had a match high 16 kills.

Seniors Danielle Beckstrand, Kari Wolford and Braegelmann each had 13 kills. Wolford led the team in digs at 18.

"We have great seniors and team unity," said Braegelmann. "We all have great chemistry on and off the court, which makes it easy to be around each other all the time."

This was certainly true when UMD faced the Nebraska-Omaha Mavericks in the semi-finals of the tourna-

ment.

The Bulldogs started out strong in the first game, with great performances by Braegelmann and Beckstrand, who helped lead the team to a 30-16 victory.

The Mavericks rallied back in the second game, and UMD barely edged out a win with a score of 30-26.

Although Nebraska-Omaha kept the second game close, the Bulldogs came back strong to win the third, 30-18. Braegelmann had a team high 19 kills and Beckstrand had 11.

The team, having produced some season high numbers, headed into the championship against their biggest rival, the Concordia-St. Paul Golden Bears, with confidence.

UMD started out strong in the first game, easily defeat-

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Women's hockey ranks No. 4 after series split in WCHA

BY ROBERT DOWNS
STATESMAN STAFF WRITER

The Bulldog Women's hockey team came into their Nov. 17-18 series against the No. 6-ranked Minnesota Golden Gophers with a chip on their shoulder. After the Bulldog team failed to come up with a win against the Gophers in their weekend series in Minneapolis in October, the team's goal was simple: get a sweep at home.

Unfortunately, the Gophers had other plans, and the teams had to settle for a split.

Bulldog coach Shannon Miller said that objectives the team set before the November games were not met.

"Given the fact that they swept us when we played against them at Minnesota, it was important for us to

sweep them," Miller said. "We fell short of that goal."

As soon as the puck dropped on Saturday, Nov. 17, it was clear that the Bulldogs were playing with the intensity level needed to put up a good showing against their in-state rivals. The No. 4-ranked Bulldogs showed aggression, speed and determination right out of the gate.

At the 5:17 mark of the first period, Myriam Trepanier blasted a wrist shot from the point past Gopher goaltender Jenna Lura to give UMD an early lead.

Add the mind-boggling performance of goaltender Kim Martin to the equation, and the Gophers would fail to score a goal all game. Martin turned away 50 shots, shattering the UMD single game save record and leading the Bulldogs to a 5-0 victory.

Martin remained humble, and credited her defense for her shutout.

"The defense played great. I could see all the shots," Martin said. "I was kind of lucky too."

That luck shifted Sunday, Nov. 18, as it seemed the energy that the Bulldogs had harbored the day before had been lost, while the momentum shifted towards Minnesota.

The Gophers came out with intensity, and took the early lead by capitalizing on UMD's sloppy play. At the 7:58 mark of the first period, Minnesota forward Whitney Graft buried a shot from above the left side of the crease to give the Gophers the lead they would retain the entire game. The Gophers outplayed the Bulldogs to a 3-0 score, and Minnesota goaltender Kim Hanlon played a solid game

in goal, earning a shutout.

According to coach Miller, the entire Bulldog team has improvements to make.

"Today, everybody had a below average game," said Miller. "We're inconsistent."

The Bulldogs are first in

the WCHA in points, and retain their No. 4 ranking.

"In some ways I feel good about where we are at this point in the season," Miller said. "However, I certainly don't feel good that we can't put up two great games back

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Bulldog forward Sara O'Toole crashes the net as Gopher defenders converge.